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FOIA No. 2013-413 ("Person of Interest") and
FOIA No. 2013-414 ("Homeland")

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs (CGB) and Enforcement (EB) bureaus by the Commission's FOIA Office on July 15, 2013. Your two requests seek copies of all complaints received by the FCC regarding the television programs, "Person of Interest" and "Homeland."

A search of the databases containing informal complaints was conducted by our staff. According to the Commission's Records Control Schedule for Informal Complaints ("Records Control Schedule"), the Commission is not required to maintain informal complaints and related correspondence for more than three years after the case is closed. *See N1-173-07-1, FCC Disposition Authority*. Therefore, all complaint records prior to January 1, 2010, have been purged pursuant to the Records Control Schedule. My staff identified 30 complaints responsive to your request, which are enclosed. The Enforcement Bureau found no documents responsive to your request.

All personal identifying information relating to the individuals who submitted or are named in the enclosed complaints or inquiries has been redacted based on Exemption 6 of FOIA, which permits agencies not to disclose files that would clearly invade personal privacy.¹ Some FCC employee names have also been redacted based on Exemption 2 of FOIA, which permits agencies not to disclose internal personnel rules and practices.²

The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, a complaint or comment does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing by any individuals or entities named in the complaint or comment.

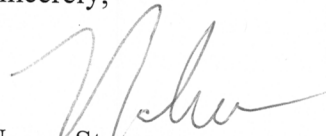
¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(f).

² 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(b).

FOIA and FCC rules require the FCC to charge requesters for time spent searching for and reviewing responsive documents, and for copying them.³ Based on your classification as a representative of the news media, you are responsible only for the payment of duplication costs beyond the first 100 pages. Because preparing the response to your request falls within these limits, there is no charge for processing your request.

If you think this response denies your FOIA request, you may file an application for review of this decision with the FCC's Office of the General Counsel within 30 days.⁴ Both the application and envelope containing it must be marked "Review of Freedom of Information Action" and the application should refer to FOIA Control No. 2013-413 (Person of Interest) or 2013-414 (Homeland).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

³ 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(A)(i); 47 C.F.R. § 0.470.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(j).